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Who beat Lewelling for the Populist nomination? The railroads.

Lewelling now realizes that the road between the cup and the lip is strewn with banana peels.

Queen Victoria may abdicate, but it would be, according to Tom Watson, a very foolish thing for her to do.

Of course Sewall is a rich man now. But before the campaign is over the Pops hope to see him changed in this respect.

Governor Morrill probably understands that "the good business administration" idea is not legal tender for three terms.

Ingalls acts about as reckless in politics as a filled lover does in his first battle. Ingalls is going to make and have trouble.

"Pa," said the Kansas youth, "what does 1873 A. D. mean?" "It means, my son," said the old man wearily, "absolutely demoralized."

It is given out that Bryan will not use the words "Cross of gold crown of thorns" in his speech of acceptance. He knows they're McCall's.

Galveston Populists nominated Noah Allen of Wichita for congress. Why are the Populists so susceptible to demagogues. Noah Allen is a fraud.

The most crushing answer to the silver man is that used by the gold standard man who tells how he squelched a man earlier in the day.

The country's kickers are not confined solely to the Demo-Pops. There are lots of Demopublicans and some Repopocrats and several Prohibitionists.

During all his European trip Li Hung Chang is yet to eat at a Christian table. He takes his own cook along and carries his own supply of bird-nests.

There has not yet been a convention this year where the chairman of the convention went out with the bolters. Everything else possible has happened.

When the Populists turned down Lewelling they declared that his administration was a failure and that the vote of 1894 was right in defeating him.

It is fortunate we have the Democrats with us. Without them the McKinley Tariff clubs and the McKinley Finance clubs might get into deadly warfare.

A newspaper says: "Bryan's countenance shines with inspiration." If Bryan were enclosed in a Crookes' tube something wonderful might be discovered.

Peffer as a Populist has the best record of all. There is only one black spot in his public career—his vote to pass the river and harbor bill over Cleveland's veto.

If the Pops have any more mud, muck and humiliation to rub in on the Kansas Democrats they should do it now and get the sickening scene over as quickly as possible.

Bridendahl is boss of the Populist party. He is the boss of Lewelling and Lewelling's following. He has just been bossing them a little to persuade them of this fact.

By the night of November 1st, at 8 o'clock p. m. in this country, 12,346 Republican orators will be saying simultaneously: "I hold in my hand a silver Mexican dollar, etc."

Peffer announces himself for the United States senate again. Poor Peffer. He was the noblest Populist of them all, but they have traded his place off to the Democrats.

The Demo-Pop controversy would be soothed down a good deal if Watson's name were Smith and Sewall's Smyth. In that case the supporters of Bryan could get out on a lapsis lingue.

This country has been fighting skirmishes now for twelve years. So far this year the fighting is more wicked and more scattered than ever. Will the main battle be in 1896 or in 1900?

It isn't true that Kansas is rough and rude. Kansas is the son of etiquette. The only place the Kansas man draws the line is on pretending that his last chew of tobacco isn't the last.

"There is a confusion of minds," said a wise man. "Something big is going to fall. I hope it will kill my enemy over there." The political tower of Babel fell and killed both him and his enemy.

It is really too bad that Li Hung Chang didn't reach America in time to see the St. Louis Pop convention. In that convention he could see the men who do not think America is progressive enough!

Oklahoma must stand by Dennis Flynn. Its preacher fusionist cannot have a vote in congress on the financial issue. He is no better man than Dennis Flynn. And he will not accomplish free homes.

"Mother," said a Kansas infant, "is silver good money at the North Pole?" "Why?" asked the mother. "Cause I heard a man say today that a silver dollar melted was worth only 53 cents. It don't melt up there, does it, ma?"

Mr. Thomas Sharkey notices the country that he will be able to pound the stuffing out of Corbett. If Mr. Sharkey neglected to make this statement until after the fight, he would give no promise of being a great pugilist.

BOLTERS AND VOTING.

"The voice of the people" being "the voice of God," the Lord Almighty is evidently very much dissatisfied with the political affairs of this country. From the fact that His will is omnipotent we infer that His interest ends with the such dissatisfaction, otherwise there would be a marked improvement in the situation. As for the real controlling influence it looks as if his satanic majesty was playing the principal hand. This latter fact no doubt accounts for the threatening attitude of both the Vox Populi and the Vox Del. If we were called upon to diagnose the trouble we would have no hesitancy in pronouncing it a case of double compound fracture of rascality and combine-bossism, the attending sequel being manifest in a temperature which in threatening to "do up" the patient will surely kill the doctor. That the patient will survive there is no kind of doubt. As for the doctor the signs are not assuring. National, state, congressional, judicial and county conventions are little better than factional mobs which go to pieces in sectional bolts, while primaries must become the exponents of individual interests and the conservators of coteries or otherwise flatten out in disintegration and failure. Platforms were not mere re-announcements of state platitudes are held to be revolutionary or anarchistic.

There is unquestioned unrest and distrust in all parties and everywhere. The demand of the hour seems to be for honesty, for real sincerity upon the part of public men. There is too much hedging, too much of hiding of real convictions, too much plastering over of rotten spots, and a dearth of open frankness upon the part of both writers and speakers. There is a demand, it's a tremendous demand, that ward-healing, convention intrigue, and legislative manipulation be done away with. A platform must mean principle, or it will mean nothing.

When party represents only the personal ambitions of individuals and of citizens it will cease to be and go to pieces. The unrest of the people, the rupture of political parties and organizations, comes of distrust, comes of a lack of faith in the pretensions and promises of the politician. There is a widespread, if not almost universal demand among the people that the senator and congressman, that the executive, legislative and the official of every character shall make good his ante-election promises without apology, subterfuge or explanation.

Spread-eagle speeches of country and patriotism, of love for the flag and constitution, no longer mean anything. What the people want is open-handed honesty, from the ward and township primary to the highest organization. Long and patiently have the people of all parties submitted to the rule of the big ring through the little ring; for long years have they rallied to the beat of the campaign tomtom and the torchlight, and have marched up in unwavering lines to the ballot box, only to execute the will of the boss, the boss and the long descending string of strikers. But the last feature has been added, the thing is played out, or otherwise the signs of the times are deceptive.

A party is a political family. Unlimited or inhumanities the principles for which it stands fall in defeat. A few self-selected individuals of a political family can no longer secretly fix things and then hope that the body of the party, held by the fixers to be unworthy of confidence, will carry out the lock-and-key arrangement of some secret dark-room circle. The men who are going to succeed politically in this country in the future are the men who will openly speak and honestly act.

COME HAS THE LIMIT.

The Kansas Democrats and Populists have so conducted themselves that both may be said to have besmeared the other; both are equally in the ditch of public censure; both are equally disgraced in other eyes; both are equally guilty in their own consciences.

Both have fallen into the gutter of practical and soulless politics and must now face the public so besmeared.

It cannot be said that they are wholly to blame. We have reached a peculiar limit, a limit where preference has been so far stretched that truth is peeping out again, a limit where fraud has been so long practiced that its threshold surface can no longer conceal honesty; a limit where demagoguery is so rank a babe is not deceived, where conventional only reveals and falsehoods proclaim their truth. Dishonesty can overreach itself and it certainly has done it at least in American politics. It is not necessary to act the hypocrite and claim that any party has been free from it. Such a thing would not be true, and if declared would secure no one's credulity and very few people's endorsement.

The Populists and Democrats have not acted honestly. They know it. They know that the public knows it. They know their party following knows it. There may have been a pretence at honesty in their deals but it was soon dropped. Neither side cared to play the deceiver to an army of deceivers. A bunco-man in New York does not try to work an old game on another bunco-man who is traveling the same side of the street working the same game himself.

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The whole outfit lost its self-respect go by the board. It has hurt deeply many conscientious Populists; it has humiliated hundreds of old Democrats.

A new party in Kansas today would really catch a big vote. Every party has its pretensions within its ranks who are ready to jump, but not until they see some port that is safe in the storm.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Ex-State Senator Harry E. Richter, of Morris county, is being quite prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Richter is well known in this section of the state, especially by the public men and politicians of Wichita, for the reason that on several occasions he has proved a strong friend to this city and its interests, not only in the state senate but elsewhere. In fact on more than one occasion he has championed our causes. This fact alone would make the state senator popular with our people. His brother, whom everybody knows as one of the most wide-awake politicians, as a true man and as a friend who never deserts, is a delegate to the Republican state convention from Sedgewick county. Like his brother Harry, the ex-senator, he is a worker, in whom everybody trusts. All four of the men at present mentioned for the position of lieutenant governor are bright, popular and competent men, but Richter is the peer of them all.

BRITISH PIRACY.

England is now, if never before, realizing that the Monroe doctrine means something. Our yesterday morning's dispatches announce that the British government has relinquished the island of Trinidad, which island she buccannered from Brazil. The Venezuela episode, and the attitude of the United States with reference to that claim, has doubtless caused England to not only hesitate but to offer to give up that which she was attempting to steal outright from a South American power. Trinidad is the island from which comes most of the asphalt with which American streets are being paved. There is a great bubbling lake of asphalt on that island, which lake was formerly owned by a citizen of the United States, a son of whom was formerly a prominent Kansas. England made no other pretense to ownership than that Brazil had neglected to occupy the island. There are millions of acres of land in the United States owned by Englishmen, which lands they do not occupy either themselves or by proxy. If their claim to Trinidad on such ground is valid then the United States government ought to proceed to take possession of the range of mountains reaching from Denver to Pueblo, which lands are almost wholly owned by non-resident Englishmen, who bought them for little or nothing as a speculation.

WHO LICKED LEWELLING?

Just now a word or two should be said to the Populists in regard to L. D. Lewelling, a merchant of our city and a fellow citizen. The first protest against the Republican party in Kansas was against the bosses of the Republican party. For them, the party suffered. The Populist party, which embodied that protest, came into power. From the day it came into power it has been dominated by one man—Mr. Bridendahl. He has ruled it absolutely. He rules it absolutely today. It was he who defeated Lewelling—it was not the Populists at large, who were undoubtedly for the Wichita man.

Now according to the refreshing and honorable practice of politics the Populist followers of Lewelling should at once announce that Lewelling never wanted this nomination at all; that he really was desirous of seeing a third man nominated; that he beat Bridendahl by preventing the nomination of Harris, and that everything went off to suit him.

But before the Populists go off on this sort of a tangent let them remember that Lewelling was an aspirant for the Populist nomination for governor; that he was beaten by Mr. Bridendahl; that Mr. Bridendahl named Leedy; that Leedy will be Bridendahl's tool; and that over and above all this, Lewelling's failure at Abilene means—that the Populist party has deserted Lewelling because its boss told them to do; because a boss who is suspiciously intimate with the bosses of the enemy directed that Lewelling should be beaten; it means that every charge made by the Republicans in 1894 against Lewelling's administration has been confessed by the Populist party in state convention assembled.

We know the Populists will not confess as much publicly. But among themselves and individually to their own consciences they will certainly acknowledge it.

JETTISONING WATSON.

Apparently we see the Populists and Democrats today of one mind and of one body. However, every knowing citizen understands that when he thinks he sees this he is a victim of mental delusion.

The Populists and Democrats are not one. True, their platforms read alike; true, the Populists have seemed to have captured the Democrats in Chicago; true, they have nominated the same man for president.

Wherein do they differ? The Democrats belong to the conservative element of government. When he is out of that element he is astray and will be soon dropped. Neither side cared to play the deceiver to an army of deceivers. A bunco-man in New York does not try to work an old game on another bunco-man who is traveling the same side of the street working the same game himself.

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So it happened that the Democrats could not see anything wrong in the nomination of Sewall. They could not see that Sewall is a representative of that aristocratic class which is, according to the Democratic platform, the country's deadliest enemy. They could not see that there was any inconsistency in a rich man leading a fight of destruction by the poor men against

the rich. No. The Democrats knew that they would need money in the campaign. They knew their candidate for the presidency is human and must spend money like other human beings; that Bryan does not go to New York to accept the nomination without spending anything; that campaigns are expensive; so the Democrats chose Sewall.

The Populists saw the inconsistency and turned down Sewall and nominated Watson.

Now the Kansas Populists surrender to the Democratic idea and throw Watson over and endorse the multimillionaire, the bank president, the railroad director, the bloated bondholder, the coupon-clipper, Arthur Sewall. The conscience of the Kansas Populist has become almost as callous as the Democrats', but outside of Kansas and in the south, particularly, this is not true, and the Populists will not throw a man over simply because he is poor and a rich man asks them to do it.

OKLAHOMA'S GOOD SENSE.

A Reverend Mr. Callahan of Kingfisher county has been nominated for congress by the Populists of Oklahoma and the Democrats. It is said, will promptly endorse him.

Little is known of the record of Rev. Callahan. Being a minister it is to be inferred that his personal character is pure and that he is an honest, straight-forward gentleman.

This is the first time a fusion has been made on congressional delegate in Oklahoma. But fusion or no fusion, understanding or no understanding, intrigue or no intrigue, trade, dicker or higgler, the Oklahoma people, if they are thinking of turning Dennis Flynn down are making a mistake for which Oklahoma alone will not be punished, but the whole of the two territories and the country which borders upon them, as southern Kansas and northern Texas.

Dennis Flynn has never been obnoxious as a partisan. He has spent his time in Washington as the representative of the territories. He has accomplished wonders for a man without a vote. He has aided all his constituency alike. He has started a plan, and has almost accomplished it, of giving to Oklahoma the sum of fifteen million dollars.

The air is full of demagoguery and pretension and faisy and falacy, but if the truth were ever written it is when the words are penned that the greatest folly possible to Oklahoma would be the defeat of Dennis Flynn.

ENGLAND NOW OWNS EGYPT.

Outside of Cuba, Venezuela and South Africa no foreign complication so interest Americans as those of the land where civilization probably had its birth. In all these countries the present troubles are chargeable to British greed. No one will deny that. But there are two sides to the Egyptian situation. Egypt has always been one of the most interesting countries in the world and promises still to be. Its land and people are still generic and have been for thousands of years. Its kings number thousands. It has but just been discovered who the Pharaoh of Moses was. It was neither of the Ramesses, as has been supposed. An editorial writer in the Philadelphia Record declares, her historical period goes back to the morning of the time (beginning 5,000 years before Christ) and her mythological period more than 13,000 years. In the course of her history she has been conquered by the Persians, by the Greeks, by the Romans, by the Arabs, by the Turks and by the English. Empires and monarchies have passed away, and the political face of the world has changed; but Egypt, apart from the governing control, is essentially unchanged. She is as the Bible describes her, and as Herodotus tells us "the gift of the Nile." She is about the size of Belgium, with an area of little more than 11,000 square miles. Beyond the influence of the Nile the country is a desert. Yet with artificial irrigation such is the soil and climate that she produces three crops in the year. It is the land of perennial fertility. The river god annually crowns it with abundance. It produces wheat, maize, barley, sugar cane, cotton, indigo and tobacco. Oldest among the nations, Egypt is agriculturally the rival of the youngest; and her competition in the markets of Europe is keenly felt. Situated as she is geographically, Egypt is the gateway of empire. Asia and Africa are both subject to her influence, and she may be made the base, in the hands of a strong power, from which the fairest parts of either might be conquered. She threatens the French Africa-Mediterranean possessions, and controlled by an energetic enemy might jeopard or overthrow the English dominion in India.

England is now in possession. When she planted her flag on Egyptian soil she proclaimed to Europe, and has frequently repeated the assurance, that it was her purpose to withdraw with as little delay as possible. She has been in possession for a period of fourteen years, and it is now obvious that she is not there for a temporary stay, but for permanent occupancy. It is no longer a question of withdrawal, but a question whether England shall avow, in the face of the world, her determination to retain indefinite possession—or, in other words, permanent possession. The current number of the Edinburgh Review supplies the technical reasons why she should hold on. They are reasons that might satisfy the legal conscience; but whether they will satisfy the political and diplomatic conscience and purposes of England's uncertain and "quondam friends"—France, Germany and Russia—is quite another matter.

By the consensus of European opinion England's rule in Egypt has been beneficial. She has diminished the burden of taxation; she has abolished the corrupt, erected valuable public works, established justice, opened schools, provided means of sanitation, and managed the finances with a masterly display of economic ability.

"And although," says The Edinburgh Review, "our position in that country is legally weak, yet as long as we can point to the continuous progress of Egypt under our influence, as long as we can show—as for ten years past we have been able to show—that our presence there is an unmixed blessing to the Egyptians, the position, though logically weak, is morally strong." The Review argues that the work of reform that has been done must be maintained. But the fabric of reformed government could not stand, nor "will at any measurable distance of time be able to stand, without the continued protection of the power that reared it."

And although England declared that she would leave Egypt as soon as she had restored order, yet, in spite of that "rash declaration," she must now announce to the world that "it is quite impossible to foresee the limit of time" when it will be wise or practicable to leave Egypt to herself. Besides, the Soudan must be restored to her normal condition. The power of Egypt must be reinstated there; and this, to be done surely and effectively, is a work of time, and a work that cannot be done at all unless with England's co-operation both in men and money. It is, therefore, vain to talk of England's withdrawal from Egypt. To be sure, she has pledged herself to go. But that was a gratuitous pledge. It was without consideration, and induced nobody to do anything that they would not have otherwise done. At any rate, says The Review, "let the man or the nation which has never gone back upon its word by the light of greater knowledge cast the first stone."

What the attitude of Europe will be in presence of England's direct avowal, if she shall make it, that she has no intention to give up Egypt, remains to be seen. So far grim-visaged war has not shown his wrinkled front, although Great Britain has indirectly avowed by her acts during the last ten years that she has no more intention of abandoning Egypt than she has of abandoning her own sea-girt isles.

NEWSPAPER FAKING.

It has come to that pass in these times of close competition and demand for the sensational, that daily papers are being continually imposed upon by fake makers. A story secured by wire in the middle of the night is impossible of verification. Since it has been found necessary in the state of New York to enact a law against the sending of false information of any character to a newspaper, there is a disposition manifest in several other states to copy the work of the Albany solons. The New York law makes deliberate lying in newspaper dispatches a crime for which a severe punishment is provided. The results of the enactment have been salutary. The number of the newspaper writers who are catalogued under the Smart Aleck head and who regard a life devoted to practical joking as well spent has become smaller since the law against news forgery went into effect. It is eminently just that newspapers in every state should be protected from impositions precisely as bankers are protected. The fact is, greater harm can often be done by news forgery than by the forgery of a bank check. In the one case a whole community numbering many thousands is defrauded while in the other case only the stockholders in the bank are defrauded. The highest ambition of any honorable newspaper publisher is to put out information only that is absolutely correct. When he does anything else he does it as a result of an imposition such as the New York law forbids.

THE RIGHT KIND OF TALK.

Good sense is beginning to characterize the utterances of some of the Democratic newspapers which desire the defeat of Bryan and his crowd of repudiators.

At first it was intimated that the Republicans must conduct their campaign in such a way as not to offend Democrats who might desire to vote for Major McKinley. That, of course, meant that the Republicans must say nothing about the tariff, or the mistakes of the present administration. Many Democrats are beginning to see that it would be unwise to attempt to dictate the plan of the Republican campaign; for they realize that if Bryan is to be defeated his defeat must be brought about by Republican votes, and that those votes must be won in the way that seems best to the Republican managers.

The New York Evening Post is one of the Democratic newspapers which has come to see matters in the proper light. It says:

If the Bryan ticket is to be beaten in this campaign it must be beaten mainly by Republican votes, and the kind of a campaign to hold those votes together and make them conducive to success must be made. The Republican leaders ought to know best what kind of a campaign is needed to secure this part of the common result.

That is sensible talk, and every man who believes the election of Major McKinley and a Republican congress would best subserve the material interests of the country, must see that the Republican managers should be left alone to manage the campaign. It must be a Republican campaign from beginning to end, because that is the only kind of a campaign that will win.

The confusion in American politics at this day is something wonderful. In the east Republicans who deserted their party years ago and became Democrats are now denouncing the original Democrats for bolting.

WHY THE WORLD WONDERS.

An Alabamian, Kan., child, four months old, is reported to be able to talk. Its father is a book agent.

It has been found that the soil of Armenia is as favorable to the culture of the date palm as that of Arabia.

Mr. Kruger says that it was the Bible

McNamara & Co.

The September Delinquent just received showing the Fall fashions. 15 cents a copy. Subscriptions taken, \$1.00 for twelve months.

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which taught him to release the Johannes-burg reformers, though he squeezed \$1,000,000 out of them before doing so.

Paderewski's physical collapse is so complete as to lead to the cancellation of all the pianist's engagements for at least the earlier part of next season. The player's outlook is a serious one. He is temporarily a nervous wreck.

The street superintendent of Niagara Falls, N. Y., has been suspended by the mayor because he would not clean the streets of the city on Sunday, as ordered by the common council. The affair has created much excitement, and the Sunday and anti-Sunday people are preparing for a vigorous fight.

The members of St. Barnabas Episcopal church, in Philadelphia, were much annoyed during services by passing milk wagons. The rector got to work and dug up a law passed in 1784 prohibiting milkmen from selling on Sunday between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., and nothing now disturbs the quietude of the congregation.

The luggage carried by Li Hung Chang filled up the greater part of one side of the courtyard of the Grand hotel, Paris. It struck the ordinary spectator as decidedly shabby, consisting mostly of wooden boxes. There were two leather valises among it, and a case of champagne. One of the suitcases carried a cage containing two live fowls.

The Hon. Alan De Tatton, a member of parliament, who, together with his son, has lately gone through many vicissitudes in Rhodesia, tells his parliamentary friends of his many odd experiences. Food was so scarce when he passed through Bulawayo that the hotels in that town were charging \$1 each for Welsh rarebits three or four inches square.

The youngest member of the class of '88 at West Point has just celebrated his 21st birthday. This is General Craighead, chief of engineers, and he and Assistant Adjutant General Vincent are the only members of this class now in active service. The roll of the class of '88 is the one that contains the names of General Sherman, Schofield and McPherson.

A New York man fell overboard the other day, and was with difficulty rescued. Then he discovered that his hat was yet in the water. On his rescuers refusing to get it, he jumped into the river himself for it, and was nearly drowned before he was pulled out the second time. The extra labor made his rescuers angry, and they had him arrested, and the magistrate fined him \$9.

Colonel Pigott, the acting British resident at Commanie, the capital of Ashanti, reports that the most energetic efforts to discover the place of concealment of the royal treasure and the golden stool of royal repute have been fruitless. Of King Prempeh have been fruitless. Of King Prempeh have been fruitless. Of King Prempeh have been fruitless.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINE.

The Perry Enterprise does not think that fusion between the Pops and Democrats in Oklahoma will work very good.

About the only places conceded to the Populist newspaper men in Oklahoma are the secretarieships of county conventions. Louis Miller, who was shot by Deputy Owens in Pottawatomie county, has died. He was supposed to be harboring the Christian brothers.

Dennis Flynn is working to get Oklahoma \$15,000,000. It would take a big infusion of the currency for Oklahoma with the rest of the nation to get that much as her share.

There are some papers in Oklahoma which would rather see Oklahoma lose free homes entirely than to see it won by Dennis Flynn back. These are mostly Populist papers.

In Tecumseh the Democrats recently held a convention. The Democrats in the town were known as town bugs; the country followers proceeded to jump on them and do them up.

"We had intended," says the Oklahoma paper, "to avoid making this a mud-slinging campaign, but the outfit committed by the other side can be improved by even a scolding of mud."

T. O. Chambers, a champion of silver, wants to debate the finance with A. C. Scott, the scholar of Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City has more debaters than any other town in the territory.

J. W. Johnson has now butted up against H. H. Howard, the smooth-tongued orator of Oklahoma City, and wants to debate finance with him. Howard will take the gold side.

It will be an amusing sight to watch those Georgia Democrats in Oklahoma attempt to fuse with the Populists. The Georgia Democrats are used to fighting the Populists both in Georgia and in Oklahoma.

Frank McMaster accuses Billy Walker's Cleveland county Republican platform of claiming that God made the world but that the Republican party had to remodel it. Billy Walker should go up and palliate McMaster in some way.

The Little family in Kansas and Oklahoma is getting a feverish desire for office. Ed Little is running up in Kansas to be a statesman in Oklahoma, and now in Payne county comes out W. H. Little for the place of probate judge.

If the Christian brothers have been captured it is proved beyond a doubt that the house descendants of Oklahoma have no money. The Christian boys should have left the territory if they had to walk. The chances are that Doodie is just as foolish and is somewhere in the territory.

There are some Oklahoma Democrats who sincerely believe it is possible for the opposition to defeat Dennis Flynn this year. How anyone is going to be able to go before the people and get them to believe that he can do more for free homes than Dennis Flynn has done is not apparent now. It would seem impossible.

ALONG THE KANSAS NILE.

Senator Baker addressed the Republicans of Joplin, Mo., Tuesday.

It is charged that a Kansas railroad politician nominated the Populist candidate for chief justice.

The Butler county Republicans say they have nominated a strong ticket and will make the four for it.

If Governor Morrill is renominated and elected he should promote Jo Bristow and give Will White of Emporia a job.

It is generally conceded by learned politicians that there will be more scratching in Kansas this year than there ever was before.

"Even if they do as Ed Little says and plant another Shady in Kansas," growled a man yesterday, "it will never grow without irrigation."

Many Republicans in some portions of Kansas are talking about voting state and county Republican but nationally Democratic. That will not occur much.

If Andy Richards should lose Sumner county next Saturday by being run over by the Morrill fellows he will dissolve into briny wetness and totally disappear.

Several Kansas Populist and Republican papers are being sent free gratis to people at this time of year. Is the campaign slush fund in both parties being used this way?

The Butler county Republicans are cute. They resolved in their county convention on finance as follows: "Resolved, that we are opposed to either a gold or silver monometallism."

Oh! Oh! Oh! The Clark County Clipper, always mean as a Populist intemperance, tells its readers that it is for Sewall, as the only difference between Sewall and Watson is that Sewall is rich.

A Topeka newspaper man says: "If the people of Kansas knew what I know about David Martin's opponents, they would nominate him. If they all had to walk home on the first from Topeka."

The time was when Kansas could have stopped the third party movement with a work. The time was when if the Kansas Republicans had nominated a decent ticket, Populism would have been killed while it was a-borning.

"I refuse to say where I was born," said the witness. "On what ground?" asked the Kansas lawyer. "It would incriminate myself," "Defendants of the jury?" yelled the lawyer. "This man from Missouri comes here, etc."

Charley Root of Ia., isn't fair to his readers. He promised to answer all financial questions asked him by readers. One man asked him a question and Charley is answering it in a continued article. Meanwhile scores of other questions must be waiting.